

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

22

PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
DATED : March 6, 2007  
INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

Page 1 of 1

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

*Delete the title page and substitute therefor the attached title page.*  
In the Specification:

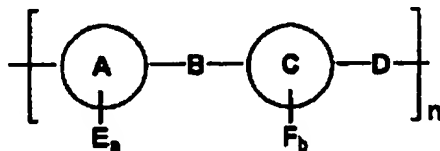
At column 1, line 10, please add the following:

-- Statement Regarding Federally Sponsored Research or Development

This invention was made with the support under the following government contract: N00014-97-1-0174 awarded by the Office of Naval Research. The government has certain rights in the invention. --

At column 8, line 27, please add the following:

-- In some embodiments, an article of the present invention may comprise a nanoscopic pathway having a conductivity, an insulating dielectric surrounding the nanoscopic pathway, and a nanoscopic switch in electronic communication with the nanoscopic pathway being capable of altering the conductivity of the nanoscopic pathway. The nanoscopic pathway may comprise a conducting polymer, wherein the conducting polymer has a structure comprising the formula:



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

28

PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
DATED : March 6, 2007  
INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

Page 2 of 2

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

wherein A and C are aromatic groups; B and D can be a heteroatom or metal and chosen from a group of N, P, S, As, Se, or -CC-M-CC-(M=FeL<sub>x</sub>, RuL<sub>x</sub>, PdL<sub>x</sub>, PtL<sub>x</sub>, CoL<sub>x</sub>, RhL<sub>x</sub>, where L is neutral (phosphine, nitrogen, or  $\pi$ -arene based ligand) or charged (nitrogen, oxygen, or charged  $\pi$ -arene ligand), or are selected from the group consisting of a carbon-carbon double bond and a carbon-carbon triple bond; and any hydrogen on aromatic group A and C can be replaced by E and F respectively, wherein a and b are integers which can be the same or different and a = 0 - 4, b = 0 - 4 such that when a = 0, b is nonzero and when b = 0, a is nonzero, and at least one of E and F includes a bicyclic ring system having aromatic or non-aromatic groups optionally interrupted by O, S, NR<sup>1</sup> and CR<sup>1</sup><sub>2</sub> wherein R<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkoxy and aryl and n is less than about 10,000, and wherein, when E or F is not said bicyclic ring system, E or F is a part of aromatic group A or C.

In some cases, E<sub>a</sub> may be covalently attached to A, and the conducting polymer comprises the structure:

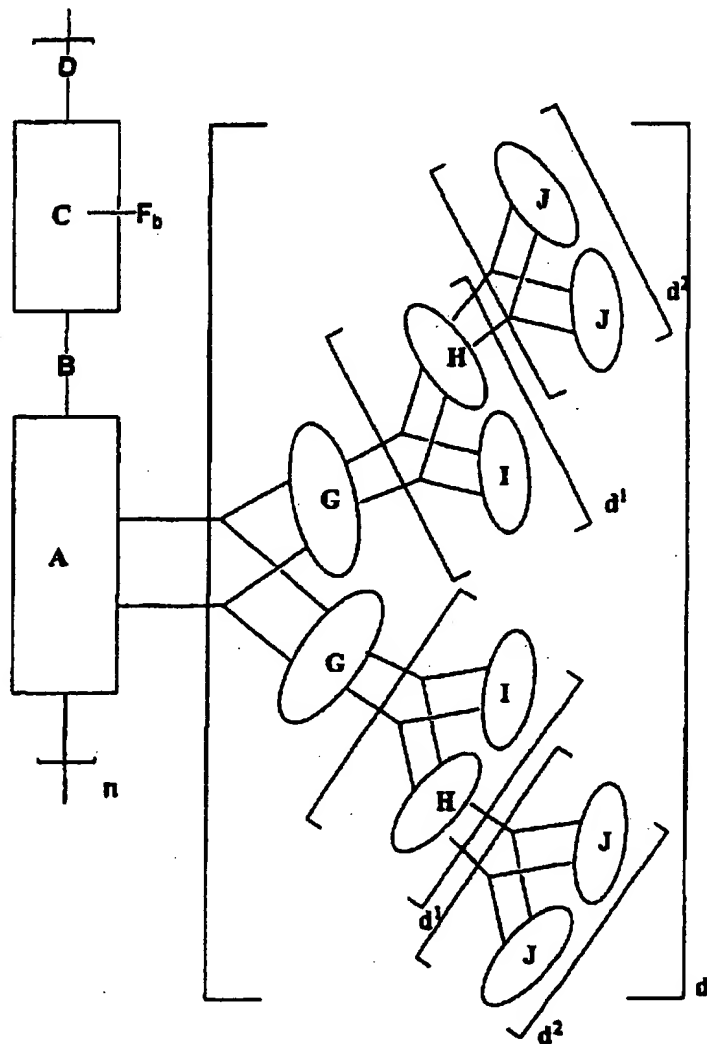
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

22

PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
DATED : March 6, 2007  
INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

Page 3 of 1

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

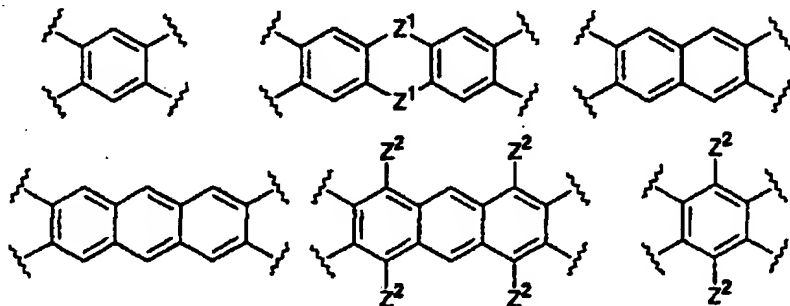
22

PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
DATED : March 6, 2007  
INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

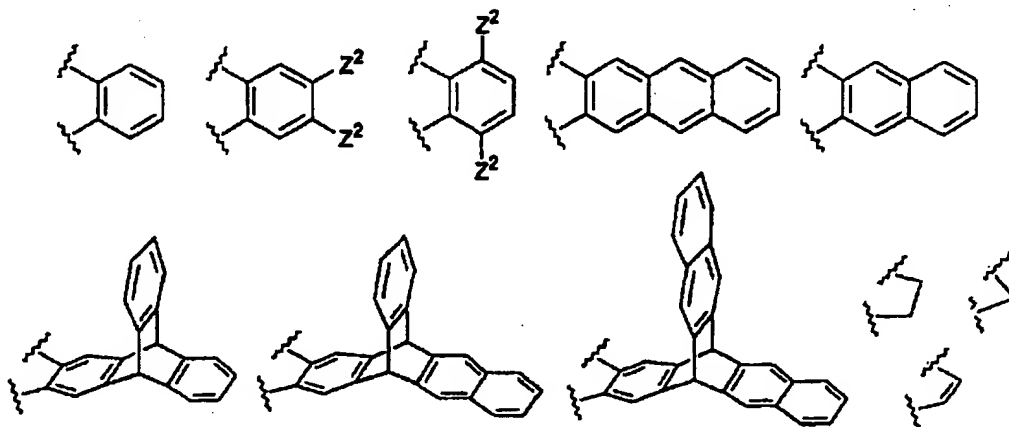
Page 4 of

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

wherein G, H, I, and J are aromatic groups,  $d = 1, 2$ , and  $d^1 = 0, 1$ , such that when  $d^1 = 0$ ,  $d^2 = 0$  and when  $d^1 = 1$ ,  $d^2 = 0, 1$ . In some embodiments, G and H may be the same or different, and each may be selected from the group consisting of:



In some embodiments, I and J may be the same or different and each is selected from the group consisting of:



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

22

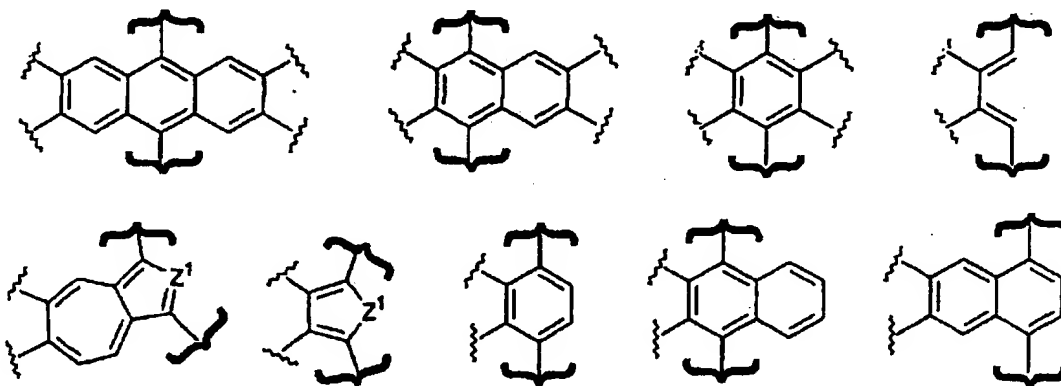
PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
DATED : March 6, 2007  
INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

Page 5 of 5

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

wherein any hydrogen in G, H, I and J can be substituted by  $R^2$ ,  $R^2$  is selected from the group consisting of  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkyl, aryl,  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkoxy, phenoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  thioalkyl, thioaryl,  $C(O)OR^3$ ,  $N(R^3)(R^4)$ ,  $C(O)N(R^3)(R^4)$ , F, Cl, Br, I,  $NO_2$ , CN, acyl, carboxylate, hydroxy,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  can be the same or different and each is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkyl, and aryl,  $Z^1$  is selected from the group consisting of O, S and  $NR^8$  wherein  $R^8$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkyl, and aryl, and  $Z^2$  is selected from the group consisting of F, Cl,  $OR^3$ ,  $SR^3$ ,  $NR^3R^4$  and  $SiR^8R^3R^4$ .

In some embodiments, A may be selected from the group consisting of:



wherein any hydrogen in A can be substituted by  $R^5$ ,  $R^5$  is selected from the group consisting of  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkyl, aryl,  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkoxy, phenoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  thioalkyl, thioaryl,  $C(O)OR^6$ ,  $N(R^6)(R^7)$ ,  $C(O)N(R^6)(R^7)$ , F, Cl, Br,  $NO_2$ , CN, acyl, carboxylate, hydroxy;  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  can be the same or different and each is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkyl, and aryl;  $Z^1$  is selected from the group consisting of O, S and  $NR^8$

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

22

PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
 APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
 DATED : March 6, 2007  
 INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

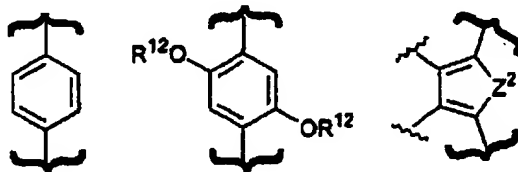
Page 6 of 10

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

and  $R^8$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkyl, and aryl; B and D can be the same or different and each is selected from the group consisting of:



wherein any hydrogen in B and D can be substituted by  $R^9$ ,  $R^9$  is selected from the group consisting of  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkyl, aryl,  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkoxy, phenoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  thioalkyl, thioaryl,  $C(O)OR^{10}$ ,  $N(R^{10})(R^{11})$ ,  $C(O)N(R^{10})(R^{11})$ , F, Cl, Br,  $NO_2$ , CN, acyl, carboxylate, hydroxy,  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  can be the same or different and each is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkyl, and aryl; C may be selected from the aromatic group consisting of:



wherein  $R^{12}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkyl and aryl; any hydrogen in C can be substituted by F which is represented by  $R^{13}$ ,  $R^{13}$  is selected from the group consisting of  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkyl, aryl,  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkoxy, phenoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  thioalkyl, thioaryl,  $C(O)OR^{14}$ ,  $N(R^{14})(R^{15})$ ,  $C(O)N(R^{14})(R^{15})$ , F, Cl, Br,  $NO_2$ , CN, acyl, carboxylate, hydroxy,  $R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  can be the same or different and each is selected from

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

22

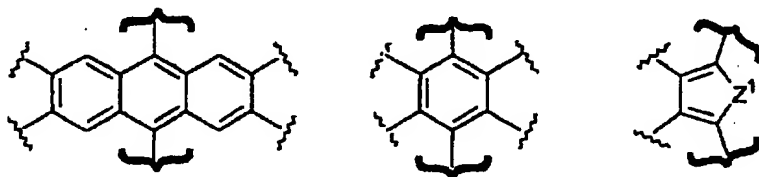
PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
DATED : March 6, 2007  
INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

Page 7 of 7

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl, and aryl; Z<sup>2</sup> is selected from the group consisting of O, S and NR<sup>16</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkyl, and aryl.

In one set of embodiments, A may be selected from the group consisting of:



and both B and D may be:



In the Claims, column 28, line 36, please add the following:

-- 5. The article of claim 1, wherein the conducting polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyaniline, polythiophene, polypyrrole, polyphenylene, polyarylene, poly(bisthiophene phenylene), a conjugated ladder polymer, polyptycene, polytriphenylene, poly(arylene vinylene), poly(arylene ethynylene), and organic and transition metal derivatives thereof.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

22

PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
DATED : March 6, 2007  
INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

Page 8 of ●

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

6. The article of claim 1, wherein a portion of the conducting polymer comprises a multi-dentate ligand.
7. The article of claim 1, further comprising a metal ion bonded to a portion of the conducting polymer.
8. The article of claim 1, wherein the nanoscopic pathway comprises a pathway of nanoparticles.
9. The article of claim 8, wherein the nanoparticles are selected from the group consisting of nanotubes, metal clusters, semiconductor clusters, colloids and fibers.
10. The article of claim 9, wherein the nanotubes are selected from the group consisting of carbon nanotubes and metallized nanotubes.
11. The article of claim 9, wherein the colloids are selected from the group consisting of gold colloids and silver colloids.
12. The article of claim 9, wherein the colloids comprise colloidal aggregates.
13. The article of claim 9, wherein the fibers comprise graphite.
14. The article of claim 1, wherein the nanoscopic pathway comprises a biological species.



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

22.

PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
DATED : March 6, 2007  
INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

Page 9 of 22

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

15. The article of claim 14, wherein the biological species is selected from the group consisting of DNA and redox-active enzymes.
16. The article of claim 1, wherein the nanoscopic pathway includes a metal ion.
17. The article of claim 16, wherein the metal ion is selected from the group consisting of transition metals, lanthanides and actinides.
18. The article of claim 16, wherein the metal ion is selected from the group consisting of iron, copper, nickel, cobalt, ruthenium, iridium, manganese, chromium, molybdenum, vanadium, uranium.
20. The article of claim 19, wherein the dielectric comprises a polymer.
21. The article of claim 20, wherein the dielectric polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyolefins, polyesters, polyamides, polyarylenes, polyethers, polyketones, polyarylsulfides, fluoropolymers, polyacrylates, polymethacrylates, polysiloxanes, polystyrene, polyurethanes, proteins and derivatives thereof.
22. The article of claim 20, wherein the dielectric polymer comprises a gel.
23. The article of claim 20, wherein the dielectric polymer is attached to the conducting polymer.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

22

PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
DATED : March 6, 2007  
INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

Page 10 of 10

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

24. The article of claim 23, wherein the dielectric polymer is attached to the conducting polymer via a chemical bond.

25. The article of claim 24, wherein the dielectric polymer is chemically bonded to the conducting polymer via a metal ion.

26. The article of claim 19, wherein the ceramic is selected from the group consisting of a metal oxide and a mixed metal oxide.

27. The article of claim 26, wherein the ceramic is a silicate.

28. The article of claim 27, wherein the silicate is a porous silicate.

29. The article of claim 1, wherein the dielectric comprises a biological species.

30. The article of claim 1, wherein the dielectric includes a metal ion.

31. The article of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the nanoscopic pathway or the dielectric comprises a block co-polymer.

32. The article of claim 31, wherein the block co-polymer includes blocks comprising a dielectric.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

22

PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
DATED : March 6, 2007  
INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

Page 11 of 1

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

33. The article of claim 32, wherein the dielectric is selected from the group consisting of polyolefins, polyesters, polyamides, polyarylenes, polyethers, polyketones, polyarylsulfides, fluoropolymers, polyacrylates, polymethacrylates, polysiloxanes, polystyrene, polyurethanes, proteins and derivatives thereof.

34. The article of claim 31, wherein the block co-polymer includes blocks comprising a conducting material.

35. The article of claim 34, wherein the blocks comprising a conducting material is selected from the group consisting of a conjugated organic group and nanoparticles.

36. The article of claim 35, wherein the conjugated organic group is selected from the group consisting of polyaniline, polythiophene, polypyrrole, polyphenylene, polyarylene, poly(bisthiophene phenylene), a carbon ladder polymer, polyptycene, polytriphenylene, poly(arylene vinylene), poly(arylene ethynylene), and organic and transition metal derivatives thereof.

37. The article of claim 35, wherein the nanoparticles are selected from the group consisting of nanotubes, metal clusters, colloids, and fibers.

38. The article of claim 1, wherein the dielectric is non-conducting at a first electrochemical potential range and is capable of having a resistivity of less than  $10^{-4}$  times a resistivity at a second chemical potential.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

22

PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
DATED : March 6, 2007  
INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

Page 12 of 12

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

39. The article of claim 1, wherein the nanoscopic switch is positioned in at least a portion of the dielectric.

40. The article of claim 1, wherein the nanoscopic switch is positioned in the nanoscopic pathway.

41. The article of claim 1, wherein the nanoscopic switch and the nanoscopic pathway are capable of being redox-matched.

42. The article of claim 1, wherein the nanoscopic switch is redox-active.

43. The article of claim 1, wherein the nanoscopic switch is a metal ion.

44. The article of claim 1, wherein the nanoscopic switch comprises a biological species selected from the group consisting of DNA and a redox-active enzyme.

45. The article of claim 1, wherein the nanoscopic switch is attached to a portion of the conducting polymer.

46. The article of claim 1, wherein the nanoscopic switch is capable of being activated to alter the conductivity of the nanoscopic pathway.

47. The article of claim 46, wherein the nanoscopic switch is capable of altering the conductivity upon binding to an analyte.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

22

PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
DATED : March 6, 2007  
INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

Page 13 of 1

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

48. The article of claim 1, wherein the nanoscopic pathway is a conductor within a first electrochemical potential range.

49. The article of claim 48, wherein the nanoscopic pathway is a first nanoscopic pathway, and the dielectric comprises a second nanoscopic pathway.

50. The article of claim 49, wherein the second pathway is a conductor within a second electrochemical potential range.

51. The article of claim 50, wherein the second electrochemical potential range is greater than the first electrochemical potential range.

52. The article of claim 49, wherein the second pathway is DNA.

53. The article of claim 1, wherein the nanoscopic pathway and the nanoscopic switch are redox-matched.

54. The article of claim 53, wherein the nanoscopic pathway and the nanoscopic switch are redox-matched within a defined electrochemical potential range.

55. The article of claim 16, wherein the nanoscopic pathway and metal ion are not redox-matched when the metal ion has a first ligand environment, and wherein the nanoscopic pathway and the metal ion are redox matched when the metal ion has a second ligand environment.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

22

PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
 APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
 DATED : March 6, 2007  
 INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

Page 14 of 1

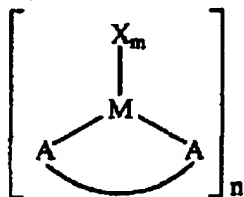
It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

56. A sensor comprising the article of claim 1, for detecting the presence of an analyte.

57. The sensor of claim 56, wherein the nanoscopic switch is a detection site for the analyte.


58. The sensor of claim 57, wherein the sensor further comprises two electrodes positioned at either end of the nanoscopic pathway.

59. The article of claim 1, wherein the conducting polymer has a structure comprising the formula:



wherein M is a metal ion, n denotes a number of monomer units, n being at least 3, the

polymeric structure comprising linkages through at least one atom in

and  and X are selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkynyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl and optionally interrupted or terminated by N, O, P, S, heteroalkyl, heteroaryl, carbonyl, acyl, acyloxy, —CHO, —COOR<sup>1</sup>, —CO<sub>2</sub>C(R<sup>1</sup>)<sub>3</sub>, —CONC(R<sup>1</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, cyano, nitro, alkyloxy, aryloxy, hydroxyl, hydroxyalkyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, arylamino, diarylamino,

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

22

PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
 APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
 DATED : March 6, 2007  
 INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

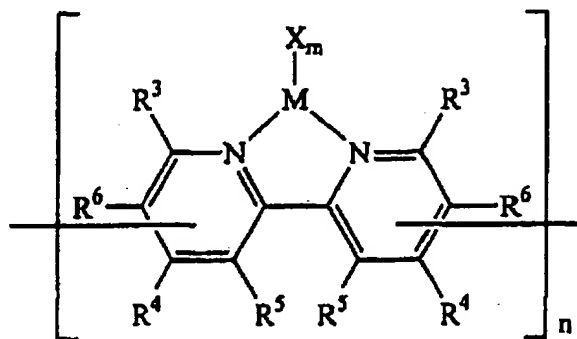
Page 15 of 22

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

—NR<sup>1</sup>COR<sup>2</sup>, thioalkyl, thioaryl, —SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>1</sup>, —SOR<sup>1</sup>, —SO<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>1</sup>, F, Cl, Br, and I; R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> can be the same or different, and each is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C1-C10 alkyl, C1-C10 heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, hydroxy, F, Cl, Br, and I, and m = 0 - 3.

60. The article of claim 4, wherein the structure comprises a 1-, 2- or 3-dimensional array of n monomer units.

61. The article of claim 1, wherein the conducting polymer has a structure comprising the formula:



wherein M is a metal ion, n denotes a number of monomer units, n being at least 3, and the polymeric structure comprises linkages through at least one of any R<sup>3</sup> - R<sup>6</sup> units or X and R<sup>3</sup> - R<sup>6</sup> can be the same or different, and each is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, carbonyl, acyl, acyloxy, —CHO, —COOR<sup>1</sup>, —CO<sub>2</sub>C(R<sup>1</sup>)<sub>3</sub>, —CONC(R<sup>1</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, arylamino, diarylamino, —NR<sup>1</sup>COR<sup>2</sup>, thioalkyl,

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

22

PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
DATED : March 6, 2007  
INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

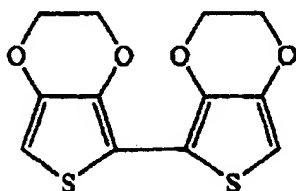
Page 16 of 16

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

thioaryl,  $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^1$ ,  $-\text{SOR}^1$ ,  $-\text{SO}_2\text{OR}^1$ , F, Cl, Br, I, or where possible, any two R groups combining to form a ring structure;  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  can be the same or different, and each is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}$  heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, hydroxy, F, Cl, Br, and I; and X is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkynyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl and optionally interrupted or terminated by N, O, P, S, heteroalkyl, heteroaryl, carbonyl, acyl, acyloxy,  $-\text{CHO}$ ,  $-\text{COOR}^1$ ,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{C}(\text{R}^1)_3$ ,  $-\text{CONC}(\text{R}^1)_2$ , cyano, alkyloxy, aryloxy, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, arylamino, diarylamino,  $-\text{NR}^1\text{COR}^2$ , thioalkyl, thioaryl,  $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^1$ ,  $-\text{SOR}^1$ ,  $-\text{SO}_2\text{OR}^1$ , F, Cl, Br, and I;  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  can be the same or different, and each is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}$  heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, hydroxy, F, Cl, Br, and I, and  $m = 0 - 3$ .

62. The article of claim 61, wherein the structure comprises a 1-, 2- or 3-dimensional array of n monomer units.

63. The article of claim 61, wherein  $\text{R}_3$  or  $\text{R}_6$  comprises the formula:





UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

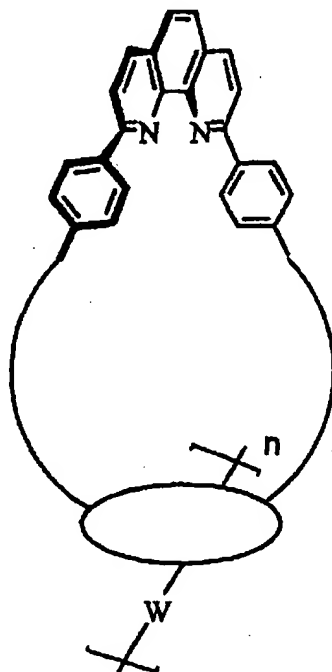
22

PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
DATED : March 6, 2007  
INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

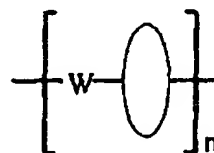
Page 17 of 22

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

64. The article of claim 61, wherein X comprises the formula:



wherein ( ) comprises two continuous chains of atoms and



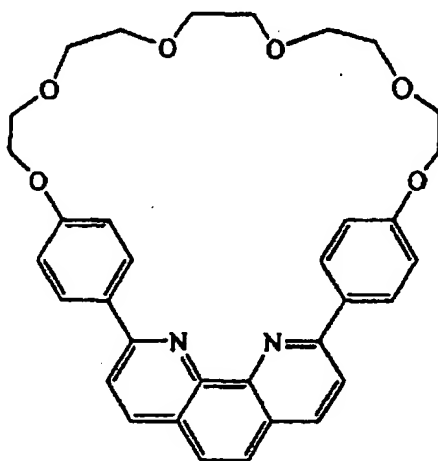
comprises a species selected from the group consisting of a dielectric and a conductive nanoscopic pathway, and n is an integer greater than 0.

## 22

Page 18 of 18

65. The article of claim 64, wherein the continuous chains of atoms comprises chains of methylene units optionally interrupted by an atom selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen, sulfur and phosphorus.

67. The article of claim 1, wherein X comprises the formula:



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

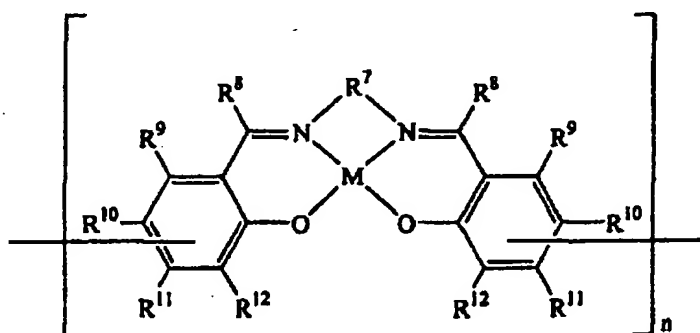
22

PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
 APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
 DATED : March 6, 2007  
 INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

Page 19 of 20

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

68. The article of claim 1, wherein the conducting polymer has a structure comprising the formula:



wherein M is a metal ion, n denotes a number of monomer units, n being at least 3, the polymeric structure comprising linkages through at least one atom in R<sup>7</sup> - R<sup>12</sup> units, and R<sup>7</sup> - R<sup>12</sup> can be the same or different, and each is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, carbonyl, acyl, acyloxy, —CHO, —COOR<sup>1</sup>, —CO<sub>2</sub>C(R<sup>1</sup>)<sub>3</sub>, —CONC(R<sup>1</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, arylamino, diarylamino, —NR<sup>1</sup>COR<sup>2</sup>, thioalkyl, thioaryl, —SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>1</sup>, —SOR<sup>1</sup>, —SO<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>1</sup>, F, Cl, Br, and I, or where possible, any two R groups combining to form a ring structure; R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> can be the same or different, and each is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, hydroxy, F, Cl, Br, and I.

69. The article of claim 68, wherein the structure comprises a 1-, 2- or 3-dimensional array of n monomer units.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

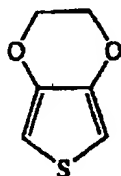
22

PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
 APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
 DATED : March 6, 2007  
 INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

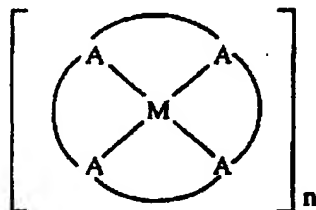
Page 20 of 22

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

70. The article of claim 68, wherein R<sup>10</sup> is:




71. The article of claim 1, wherein the conducting polymer has a structure comprising the formula:



wherein M is a metal ion, n denotes a number of monomer units, n being at least 3, the

polymeric structure comprising linkages through at least one atom in



and any  unit or X is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkynyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl and optionally interrupted or terminated by N, O, P, S, heteroalkyl, heteroaryl, carbonyl, acyl, acyloxy, —CHO, —COOR<sup>1</sup>, —CO<sub>2</sub>C(R<sup>1</sup>)<sub>3</sub>, —CONC(R<sup>1</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, cyano, nitro, alkyloxy, aryloxy,

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

22

PATENT NO. : 7,186,355 B2  
APPLICATION NO. : 09/777725  
DATED : March 6, 2007  
INVENTOR(S) : Timothy M. Swager

Page 21 of 2

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

hydroxyl, hydroxyalkyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, arylamino, diarylamino, —NR<sup>1</sup>COR<sup>2</sup>, thioalkyl, thioaryl, —SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>1</sup>, —SOR<sup>1</sup>, —SO<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>1</sup>, F, Cl, Br, and I; R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> can be the same or different, and each is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, hydroxy, F, Cl, Br, and I, and m = 0-2.

72. The article of claim 71, wherein the structure comprises a 1-, 2- or 3- dimensional array of n monomer units.

73. The article of claim 71, wherein the four



units comprise a

macrocycle.

74. The article of claim 73, wherein the macrocycle is selected from the group consisting of cyclams, phthalocyanines and porphyrins.

75. The article of claim 73, wherein the metal ion is a transition metal ion. --

This certificate supersedes  
Certificate of Correction issued  
June 9, 2009.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



US007186355B2

(12) **United States Patent**  
**Swager**

(10) **Patent No.:** **US 7,186,355 B2**  
(45) **Date of Patent:** **Mar. 6, 2007**

(54) **INSULATED NANOSCOPIC PATHWAYS,  
COMPOSITIONS AND DEVICES OF THE  
SAME**

(75) **Inventor:** **Timothy M. Swager, Newton, MA  
(US)**

(73) **Assignee:** **Massachusetts Institute of  
Technology, Cambridge, MA (US)**

(\*) **Notice:** Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this  
patent is extended or adjusted under 35  
U.S.C. 154(b) by 793 days.

(21) **Appl. No.:** **09/777,725**

(22) **Filed:** **Feb. 5, 2001**

(65) **Prior Publication Data**  
**US 2002/0040805 A1 Apr. 11, 2002**

**Related U.S. Application Data**

(60) **Provisional application No. 60/180,357, filed on Feb.  
4, 2000.**

(51) **Int. Cl.**  
**H01B 1/00 (2006.01)**  
**H01B 1/12 (2006.01)**  
**H01B 1/04 (2006.01)**  
**H01B 1/06 (2006.01)**  
**H01L 29/08 (2006.01)**  
**H01L 35/24 (2006.01)**  
**H01L 51/00 (2006.01)**  
**G01N 27/26 (2006.01)**  
**C08F 290/14 (2006.01)**  
**H01L 29/43 (2006.01)**

(52) **U.S. Cl.** ..... **252/500; 252/502; 252/510;  
252/506; 204/415; 422/98; 525/50; 257/40;  
257/139**

(58) **Field of Classification Search** ..... **252/500,  
252/502, 506, 510; 204/415; 422/98; 525/50;  
257/40, 139**

See application file for complete search history.

(56) **References Cited**

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

4,839,112 A 6/1989 Wynne et al.  
4,841,099 A \* 6/1989 Epstein et al. .... 174/258  
4,957,615 A 9/1990 Ushizawa et al.  
4,992,244 A 2/1991 Grate

(Continued)

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

WO WO 99/57222 A1 11/1999

(Continued)

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

T. Swager, "The Molecular Wire Approach to Sensory Signal  
Application," *Acc. Chem. Res.*, vol. 31, pp. 201-207, 1998.

(Continued)

*Primary Examiner*—Jezia Riley

(74) *Attorney, Agent, or Firm*—Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks,  
P.C.

(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to compositions which provide an insulated nanoscopic pathway. The pathway comprises molecules, polymers or nanoscopic particles capable of conducting charge integrated with nanoscopic switches which are capable of electronic communication with the charge-conducting species. Turning "on" the nanoscopic switch electronically "connects" the various molecules/particles, such that a continuous nanoscopic pathway results. The nanoscopic pathway can be used in a sensor, where the switches can act as receptors for analytes. Binding of an analyte can result in a variety of effects on the nanoscopic pathway, including altering the conductivity of the nanoscopic pathway.

**75 Claims, 25 Drawing Sheets**

